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File No. 449

Senate Bill No. 1126

Senate, April 11, 2013

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ADVERTISEMENT BOOKS FOR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (10) of subsection (b) of section 9-601a of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2014*):

4 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies
5 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
6 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
7 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
8 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
9 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the
10 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any
11 other person;

12 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the

13 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
14 raising affair sponsored by a [town] party committee, provided the
15 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty
16 dollars from any single [town] party committee in any calendar year if
17 the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any
18 other person. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph,
19 the following may not purchase advertising space in a program for a
20 fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair sponsored by a
21 [town] party committee: (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of
22 the immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state
23 contractor, (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v) a principal of a
24 state contractor or prospective state contractor. As used in this
25 subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor" and
26 "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have the
27 same meanings as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-612;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>January 1, 2014</i> | 9-601a(b)(10) |
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill modifies the list of items that are not considered contributions, as related to campaign financing. There is no fiscal impact arising from this definition change.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1126*****AN ACT CONCERNING ADVERTISEMENT BOOKS FOR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES.*****SUMMARY:**

State campaign finance law creates a contribution exemption for certain advertising space purchases from town committees. This bill extends the exemption, and its limits, to purchases from state central committees.

Under the bill, business entities and individuals may purchase advertising space valued at up to \$250 and \$50, respectively, in a program (i.e., ad book) or on a sign for a fundraising affair that a state central committee sponsors. Because the purchases are not considered contributions, they are not subject to campaign finance reporting requirements.

The law, unchanged by the bill, prohibits (1) lobbyists and their immediate family members and (2) current and prospective state contractors and their principals, from making such ad book or sign purchases.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 1 (03/27/2013)